

In the claims:

1. (Currently amended) A system for providing medical information of a vehicle user, comprising:

a key device corresponding to a particular vehicle, the key device having stored therein an encryption code associated with the medical information of the vehicle user;

a transient memory storage located within the particular vehicle and in communication with the key device, the transient memory storage configured to i) receive a transmission of the encryption code from the key device prior to an emergency event, and ii) temporarily store the encryption code prior to the emergency event;

a telematics unit in communication with the transient memory storage device and configured to receive a transmission of the encryption code from the transient memory storage in response to the emergency event involving the particular vehicle; and

a call center in wireless communication with the telematics unit via a wireless network, wherein the call center is configured to i) receive a transmission of the encryption code from the telematics unit in response to the emergency event, and ii) transfer the received encryption code to emergency personnel ~~personal~~.

2. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the transient memory storage is in communication with the key device via a vehicle data network, and wherein the vehicle data network is a local short range wireless network.

3. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the key device comprises a key fob, the key fob including:

a controller for receiving the encryption code and storing the encryption code in a persistent memory; and

a transceiver for sending the stored encryption code to the transient memory storage located in the vehicle.

4 - 6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

a plurality of sensors for detecting damage to the particular vehicle during the emergency event, the plurality of sensors operably connected to the telematics unit, wherein when the emergency event occurs, at least one of the plurality of sensors sends a signal to the telematics unit indicating that the emergency event has occurred.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the key device comprises a key including an embedded microchip having a persistent memory storage for storing the encryption code.

10. (Previously presented) The system of claim 3, further comprising:

a biometric sensor located on the key fob and operably connected to the controller, the biometric sensor for sensing biometric data of at least one vehicle user.

11. (Currently amended) A method for providing medical information of a vehicle user, the method comprising:

storing an encryption code in a key device corresponding to a particular vehicle, the encryption code associated with the medical information stored in a database;

transmitting the encryption code from the key device to a vehicle storage unit of the particular vehicle and temporarily storing the transmitted encryption code in the vehicle storage unit prior to an emergency event;

transmitting, from the vehicle storage unit to an in-vehicle telematics unit of the particular vehicle and from the in-vehicle telematics unit to a call center, the temporarily stored encryption code in response to the emergency event involving the particular vehicle;

transmitting the encryption code from the call center to an emergency personnel; and

accessing, via the emergency personnel, the medical information from the database using the encryption code.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 20 wherein the transferring of the encryption code from the database to the key device is accomplished using a local short range wireless network or a wired connection.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the medical information comprises medical records of the vehicle user.

17. (Currently amended) A system for providing medical information of a vehicle user, comprising:

key device means corresponding to a particular vehicle for receiving and storing an encryption code, the encryption code associated with the medical information of the vehicle user stored in a database;

vehicle storage means of the particular vehicle for i) receiving a transmission of the encryption code from the key device means prior to an emergency event, and ii) temporarily storing the encryption code prior to the emergency event;

an in-vehicle telematics unit of the particular vehicle in communication with the vehicle storage means;

means for transmitting i) from the vehicle storage means to the in-vehicle telematics unit, and ii) from the in-vehicle telematics unit to a call center, the temporarily stored encryption code in response to the emergency event involving the particular vehicle; and

means for accessing, via the emergency personnel, the medical information from the database using the encryption code.

18. (Previously presented) The system of claim 17, further comprising:

means for sensing biometric data of at least one vehicle user, the biometric sensing means located on the key device means; and

means for correlating the sensed biometric data to the medical information of the at least one vehicle user.

19. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising a database including the medical information of the vehicle user.

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11 wherein prior to storing the encryption code in the key device, the method further comprises:

associating the encryption code with the medical information of the vehicle user;

storing the encryption code in the database; and

transferring the encryption code from the database to the key device.

21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11 wherein after storing the encryption code in the key device, the method further comprises initiating an ignition cycle of the vehicle.

22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the encryption code is temporarily stored in the vehicle storage unit i) while a vehicle ignition is operating; or ii) for a predetermined amount of time after the vehicle ignition is turned off.

23. (Currently amended) The method of claim 21 wherein upon the initiating of the ignition cycle of the particular vehicle, the method further comprises transmitting the encryption code from the key device to the vehicle storage unit.